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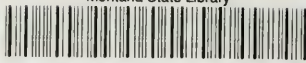
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SEVENTH ANNUAL REPORT.

OFFICE OF STATE BOARD OF LAND COMMISSIONERS.

HELENA, MONTANA, December 1, 1897.

In accordance with the Provision of Section 3505 of the Political Code the State Board of Land Commissioners herewith submits its Seventh Annual Report.

At the beginning of the fiscal year 1897, the State Land Department was greatly hampered in the leasing of lands by the excessive appraisements of the past, which, by reason of the minimum rate of 5 per cent. of the appraised value required by law to be charged for leasing, placed it beyond the reach of the farmer and stockman, and deprived the State of much rental that might otherwise be secured. This appraisement the Board had no authority to change, except to make a reduction of 10 per cent. per annum, which, considering the exorbitant appraisement afforded but little relief.

By enactment of the Fifth Legislative Assembly the Board was authorized to have re-appraised all lands which it believed to be appraised too high, and was also empowered to appoint three assistant Land Agents to assist in the work of appraising and selecting lands. To further facilitate this work, tracings were secured of all the township plats (about 1,000 in number) which were not on file in the State Land Office.

As early as the weather would permit, the three assistants were placed in the field, and during the year the counties of Gallatin, Beaverhead, Flathead, Sweet Grass, Park, Carbon, Yellowstone, Dawson, Fergus and part of Missoula have been appraised. The re-appraisement bringing about a reduction of the rentals to be charged, has resulted in the leasing of much land heretofore returning no revenue to the State.

While engaged in the work of appraisement, the Land Agent and his assistants have reported to the Board all tracts of available land which they believed desirable for the several grants. In this way 42,285.04 acres have been selected during the year. The selections made are mostly such lands as are valuable for their timber, for agricultural purposes, or first class grazing lands having a permanent supply of water.

Numerous petitions have been received asking for the selection of large tracts of grazing lands, but the Board feels convinced that only such grazing lands should be selected as contain stock water or are situated near a large stream that will afford the means of irrigation in the future.

Rather than select inferior grazing lands, the Board has endeavored to secure lands in the western part of the State having a valuable growth of saw timber. During the year, 5,440 acres of heavily timbered lands in Flathead county have been filed upon; 10,600 acres have been selected in Missoula county, being heavily timbered, that are now awaiting the approval of the Surveyors plats by the General Government. Application has also been made by the Board for the survey of five townships of timbered lands in the western part of Missoula county.

TABLE NO. 1

Showing the Status of the Total Land Grant to the State.

Grant.	No. Acres.	Acres Selected.	Acres to be Selected.	Acres Approved.	Acres Appraised.	Appraised Value Land and Timber.
Public Buildings	182,000.00	120,252.41	61,747.49	100,749.54	90,000.52	\$304,807 41
Agricultural College.....	140,000.00	94,498.32	45,501.68	60,094.04	63,803.05	199,213 98
School of Mines.....	100,000.00	62,119.08	37,880.92	52,286.26	54,393.12	225,514 62
Normal School.....	100,000.00	65,415.70	34,584.30	52,034.79	53,330.87	158,531 08
Deaf and Dumb Asylum.	50,000.00	41,453.35	8,546.62	27,397.53	29,891.41	97,333 98
Reform School	50,000.00	34,129.27	15,870.73	27,769.96	19,693.74	41,029 46
University	46,079.78	46,079.78		46,079.78	40,677.33	145,265 64
Totals	668,079.78	463,947.94	204,131.74	366,411.90	351,790.04	\$1,171,596 17
Surveyed School Lands		1,609,341.06			869,859.10	1,551,469 54
Grand Totals.....		2,073,289.00			1,221,649.14	\$2,723,065 71

TABLE NO. 2.

Showing the Amount of Public Lands Sold to Date.

	Acres Sold.	Selling Prices	Rate Per Acre.
School Land including 147 city lots.....	10,070.76	\$134,548 69	\$13.36
University Lands	2,870 13	34,272 40	11.90
Public Buildings.....	641.98	7,059 80	11.01
Reform School.....	960.0	9,600 00	10.00
Normal School.....	80.00	800 00	10.00
Totals.....	14 622.87	186,280 89	\$12.73

TABLE NO. 3.
Location of Approved Selections to Defec.

County.	Public Buildings.	Agricultural College.	School of Mines.	Normal School.	Deaf and Dumb Asylum.	Reform School.	University.	Total.
Beaverhead	11,712.20		11,500.12		2,400.00	5,960.00		19,952.32
Broadwater	4 0 00						630.00	15,952.32
Cascade							1,453.94	1,453.94
Custer	5,925.82	1,320.00	789.15		1,530.00	4,941.31	4,453.71	1,885.94
Deer Lodge							312.87	14,530.15
Fergus	40,718.06	27,978.59	22,206.93	23,031.20	17,155.94	4,598.35	13,731.72	13,731.72
Flathead	11,916.16	2,811.81	10,459.28	5,611.90	630.00	642.32	9,879.12	115,501.28
Gallatin							2,887.90	38,062.67
Granite							625.84	625.84
Jefferson		4,615.81			2,801.38	1,533.37	1,281.92	10,292.51
Lewis and Clarke	3,844.10						1,291.40	5,135.50
Madison	12,094.04	13,378.42	1,089.18	16,869.37	2,560.00	6,970.35	800.00	56,772.66
Meagher							4,147.68	4,147.68
Missoula	2,720.00	8,846.38		4,704.16	330.21	3,194.26	1,280.00	21,064.00
Park							957.45	957.45
Ravalli	5,388.56	1,081.00	3,100.00	1,755.18				11,324.74
Yellowstone							1,665.00	1,665.00
Total	100,719.51	60,091.14	52,286.26	52,031.79	27,397.53	27,769.96	45,079.68	366,411.90

STATUS OF STATE LANDS.

The following tables give the Status of the School and other State Lands at the close of the year ending November 30, 1897.

TABLE NO. 4.

SCHOOL LANDS.

County.	Acres Surveyed.	Acres Appraised.	Appraised Value.	Average per Acre.
Beaverhead.....	54,800.00	54,800.00	\$73,830.00	\$1.37
Broadwater.....	17,881.30	17,884.30	38,156.45	2.13
Carbon.....	16,025.94	16,025.94	26,291.88	1.64
Cascade.....	79,729.11	33,030.00	79,300.00	2.39
Choteau.....	274,798.13	.....	.....	.....
Custer.....	164,033.42	.....	.....	.....
Dawson.....	58,672.76	58,672.76	68,805.05	1.17
Deer Lodge.....	43,009.29	.....	.....	.....
Fergus.....	221,360.00	221,360.00	286,140.40	1.18
Flathead.....	46,495.04	46,495.04	70,254.54	1.50
Gallatin.....	33,034.00	33,034.00	67,920.00	2.05
Granite.....	8,400.00	.....	.....	.....
Jefferson.....	25,717.38	25,717.38	35,957.67	1.39
Lewis and Clarke.....	38,665.37	38,665.37	173,575.37	4.48
Madison.....	69,852.97	69,852.97	81,074.17	1.16
Meagher.....	76,800.00	76,800.00	141,040.00	1.70
Missoula.....	21,880.09	12,029.12	32,756.74	1.97
Park.....	34,918.95	34,918.95	63,614.75	1.82
Ravalli.....	19,575.61	.....	.....	.....
Silver Bow.....	5,347.18	.....	.....	.....
Sweet Grass.....	52,302.42	52,302.42	82,307.52	1.57
Teton.....	119,680.00	.....	.....	.....
Valley.....	44,478.25	.....	.....	.....
Yellowstone.....	82,110.85	82,110.85	111,220.90	1.24
Totals.....	1,609,341.06	873,699.10	1,413,145.04	1.62

TABLE NO. 5.

Classification of Appraised School Lands.

County.	Acres of Grazing.	Acres of Agricultural.	Acres of Timber.	Amount of Saw Timber. Feet.	Value of Timber at \$1.50 per M.
Beaverhead.....	49,680.00	5,120.00	.....	.....	.....
Broadwater.....	14,571.12	3,313.18	.....	.....	.....
Carbon.....	14,225.94	1,800.00	.....	.....	.....
Cascade.....	31,630.00	1,400.00	.....	.....	.....
Dawson.....	57,543.03	1,121.67	.....	.....	.....
Fergus.....	219,280.00	1,440.00	640.00	100,000	\$150.00
Flathead.....	4,050.33	4,856.16	37,588.55	68,036,000	102,054.00
Gallatin.....	26,954.00	6,080.00	.....	.....	.....
Jefferson.....	25,077.38	640.00	.....	.....	.....
Lewis and Clarke.....	36,145.37	2,520.00	.....	.....	.....
Madison.....	66,632.97	3,220.00	.....	.....	.....
Meagher.....	71,080.00	2,720.00	.....	.....	.....
Missoula (incomplete).....	1,601.00	1,253.12	9,176.00	26,745,000	40,117.55
Park.....	30,918.95	1,000.00	.....	.....	.....
Sweet Grass.....	50,90.39	2,112.03	.....	.....	.....
Yellowstone.....	79,940.85	2,170.00	.....	.....	.....
Total.....	782,520.39	43,774.16	47,404.55	94,883,000	\$142,324.50

TABLE NO. 6.

Showing the amount of School Lands under Five Year Lease and One Year Permit with Rentals for the Year ending November 30, 1897.

County.	Acres 5 Year Lease.	Rental.	Acres 1 Year Permit.	Rental.	Total Amount Leased.	Total Rentals.	Rate per Acre.
Beaverhead.....	12,760.00	\$1,617.00	1,200.00	\$125.00	13,960.00	\$1,742.00	\$.124
Broadwater.....	2,372.01	411.50			2,372.01	411.50	.173
Carbon.....	3,000.00	450.00	320.00	21.00	3,520.00	471.00	.134
Cascade.....	27,814.97	1,265.50	1,280.00	91.20	29,094.97	4,356.70	.149
Choteau.....			29,270.00	2,159.40	29,270.00	2,159.40	.074
Custer.....			3,804.59	249.00	3,804.59	249.00	.065
Dawson.....			2,240.00	162.00	2,240.00	162.00	.072
Deer Lodge.....			7,280.00	866.50	7,280.00	866.50	.118
Fergus.....	55,620.00	5,451.12	3,100.00	302.50	59,020.00	5,753.62	.097
Flathead.....	1,360.00	428.00			1,360.00	428.00	.314
Gallatin.....	13,470.00	2,729.00	640.00	15.00	14,110.00	2,744.00	.192
Granite.....			1,520.00	144.00	1,520.00	144.00	.094
Jefferson.....	1,401.00	165.00			1,400.00	165.00	.117
Lewis and Clarke.....	11,751.38	1,547.53	800.00	50.00	12,551.38	1,597.53	.127
Madison.....	10,320.00	890.00	480.00	35.00	10,800.00	925.00	.085
Meagher.....	31,160.00	3,798.00			31,160.00	3,798.00	.121
Missoula.....	2,240.00	557.50	134.00	40.00	2,374.00	597.50	.144
Park.....	4,600.00	438.00			4,600.00	438.00	.095
Ravalli.....	2,170.95	673.05			2,170.95	673.05	.217
Silver Bow.....			321.00	100.00	320.00	101.00	.312
Sweet Grass.....	15,588.55	2,115.44	1,280.00	100.00	16,868.55	2,215.44	.131
Teton.....			8,240.00	560.50	8,240.00	560.50	.068
Valley.....			2,880.00	190.00	2,880.00	190.00	.064
Yellowstone.....			11,000.00	866.00	11,000.00	866.00	.078
Totals	195,827.86	25,536.64	76,088.59	6,080.10	271,916.45	\$31,617.74	.119

	Acres.	Rental.
Total amount of School Lands Leased for the year 1896	159,547.00	\$21,319.00
Total amount of School Lands Leased for the year 1897	271,916.45	31,617.74
Increase over last year.....	112,369.45	\$10,297.74

TABLE NO. 7.

Showing the Amount of Land and Timber Sales of the Public School Grant.

County.	Acres.	Selling Price.	Price Per Acre.
Broadwater.....	160.00	\$1,600.00	\$.10.00
Carbon.....	680.00	6,800.00	10.00
Cascade.....	600.00	6,000.00	10.00
Fergus.....	280.00	3,260.00	11.64
Flathead.....	320.00	3,280.00	10.25
Gallatin.....	560.00	5,600.00	10.00
Lewis and Clarke.....	190.76	2,147.60	11.25
Madison.....	160.00	1,600.00	10.00
Bavalli.....	160.00	1,600.00	10.00
Totals	3,110.76	31,887.60	Av. 10.25

SALE OF CITY LOTS.

Madison, 2 lots at \$50.00 each	\$100.00	
Missoula, 23 lots amounting to	1,740.00	Averaging.. \$75.69
Total sales of School Lands for the year ending November 30, 1897.....		\$33,627.60
Number of lots previously Patented in Missoula county, 122.....		16,033.09
Sale of School land prior to December 1, 1896, 9,960.00 acres		84,888.00
Total amount from sale of School Lands.....		\$134,514.69
Total amount of School Lands sold other than city lots—acres.....		10,070.76
Total value of appraised Lands and Timber.....		\$1,551,469.54

TABLE NO. 8.

INDEMNITY SCHOOL LANDS.

A careful perusal of the plats now on file in the State Land Department discloses the fact that 43,155.34 acres of Public School Lands have been filed upon by Homestead settlers, or patented to private parties under the Mining laws of the Federal Government.

While sections No. 10 and 18 of the enabling Act extend the privilege to the State of selecting other lands in lieu thereof, up to the present time no indemnity lands have been selected.

The following is the amount of School land lost to the State:

Helena district.....	19,447.09 acres
Missoula district	9,620.84 "
Bozeman district	7,611.61 "
Miles City district	3,755.80 "
Lewistown district	2,720.00 "
Total	43,155.34 acres

STATUS OF THE PUBLIC BUILDINGS GRANT.

Total Grant to Public Buildings	182,000.00 acres
Total amount of selections made to date	120,252.41 "
Remaining to be selected.....	61,747.59 "
Selections approved and patented to the State.....	100,749.54 "
Selections awaiting approval at Washington.....	19,502.87 "

TABLE NO. 9.

Showing the location by Counties of the Public Buildings Grant.

County.	No. Acres Selected.	No. Acres Approved.	No. Acres Appraised.	Appraised Value	Average Rate per Acre.
Beaverhead	6,144.28	.....	6,144.28	\$7,652.85	\$1.25
Broadwater	14,712.20	14,712.20	3,560.00	8,360.00	2.34
Cascade	400.00	400.00	.....	.....	.....
Deer Lodge	5,925.82	5,925.82	.....	.....	.....
Flathead	54,056.65	40,718.06	54,056.65	59,298.46	1.09
Gallatin	14,946.46	14,946.46	13,985.55	24,567.20	1.70
Lewis and Clarke.....	3,844.40	3,844.40	.....	.....	.....
Madison	12,094.04	12,094.04	12,094.04	13,735.40	1.12
Missoula	2,720.00	2,720.00	800.00	800.00	1.00
Ravalli.....	5,388.56	5,388.56	.....	.....	.....
Totals.....	120,252.41	100,749.14	90,000.52	\$113,692.41	\$1.26

TABLE NO. 10.

Showing the character of the Appraised Lands belonging to the Public Buildings Grant.

County.	Grazing.	Agricultural.	Timber.	Amount Saw Timber.	Value of Timber at \$1.50 M.
Beaverhead	6,141.28				
Broadwater	3,520.00	40.00			
Flathead		160.00	53,896.65	122,280 M. ft	183,420.00
Gallatin	13,825.55	160.00			
Madison	11,934.04	160.00			
Missoula			800.00	5,130 M. ft	7,695.00
Totals	34,803.87	520.00	54,696.65	127,410 M. ft	\$191,115.00

TABLE NO. 11.

Showing the Amount of Land belonging to the Public Buildings Grant held under Five year Lease and one year Permits during the year ending November 30th, 1897.

County.	Acres under 5 year lease.	Annual Rental.	1 year Permits	Annual Rental.	Total Amount Leased.	Total Rental.	Rate per Acre.
Beaverhead			920.00	\$68.75	920.00	68.75	.074
Broadwater	40.00	14.00			40.00	14.00	.350
Flathead	200.00	17.00			200.00	17.00	.080
Gallatin	1,920.00	218.00			1,920.00	218.00	.113
Lewis and Clarke			5,781.00	479.05	5,781.00	479.05	.083
Madison	3,440.00	220.00			3,440.00	220.00	.082
Totals	5,600.00	\$469.00	6,701.00	\$547.80	12,301.00	\$1,016.80	\$.082

	Acres.	Rental.
Amount of Public Buildings' Land Leased for the year 1896	3,600.00	\$489.00
Amount of Public Buildings' Land Leased for the year 1897	12,301.00	1,016.80
Increase over last year	8,701.00	527.80
Amount of sales prior to December 1, 1897	641.98	7,059.80
Total amount sold to date	641.98	\$7,059.80
Total value of appraised Land and Timber		\$304,807.11

STATUS OF AGRICULTURAL COLLEGE GRANT.

	Acres.
Total Grant to Agricultural College.	140,000.00
Total amount selected	94,498.32
Remaining to be selected	45,501.68
Sections approved and patented to the State	60,094.04
Selections awaiting approval at Washington	34,404.28

TABLE NO. 12.

Showing Location of Agricultural College Lands by Counties.

County.	No. Acres Selected.	Approved.	No. Acres Appraised.	Appraised Value.	Average Rate per Acre.
Beaverhead	9,636.30	.....	9,636.30	\$12 045.37	\$1.25
Deer Lodge	2,330.00	1,320.00	.....	.....	.....
Flathead	32,871.61	27,978.59	27,807.45	29,610.77	1.02
Gallatin	2,934.71	2,814.81	2,816.81	5,972.38	2.12
Jefferson	5,029.02	4,675.84	5,029.02	5,978.20	1.18
Lewis and Clarke	2,275.16	.....	2,275.16	2,843.95	1.25
Madison	18,014.26	13,378.42	13,089.31	13,330.31	1.02
Missoula	20,337.26	8,846.38	3,158.00	3,263.00	1.03
Ravalli	1,080.00	1,080.00	.....	.....	.....
Totals	94,495.32	60,094.04	63,803.05	\$73,033.98	\$1.14

TABLE NO. 13.

Showing the Character of Appraised Land belonging to the Agricultural College Fund.

County.	No. Acres Grazing.	No. Acres Agricultural.	No. Acres Timber.	Amount Saw Timber	Value of Saw Timber \$1.50 per M.
Beaverhead	9,636.30	.....	.....	.....	.....
Flathead .....	.....	689.64	27,117.81	68,450 M	\$102,675 00
Gallatin	2,496.19	320.00	.....	.....	.....
Jefferson	5,029.63	.....	.....	.....	.....
Lewis and Clarke	2,275.16	.....	.....	.....	.....
Madison	13,080.31	.....	.....	.....	.....
Missoula	480.00	.....	2,678.00	15,670 M	23,505 00
Totals	32,946.98	1,009.64	29,795.81	84,120 M	\$126,180 00

TABLE NO. 14.

Showing the amount of Lands belonging to Agricultural College Grant held under Five Year Lease and One Year Permits for the year ending November 30th, 1897.

County.	No. Acres under 5 Year Lease	Rental.	No. Acres under 1 year Per- mits.	Rental.	Total Amount Leased.	Total Amount Rental.	Rate per Acre.
Beaverhead	4,120.00	\$257 60	5,516.30	\$345 00	9,360.30	\$602 50	.044
Gallatin	80 00	15 00	.....	.....	80.00	15 00	.187
Totals	4,200.00	\$272 50	5,516.30	\$345 00	9,440.30	\$617 50	.....

	Acres.	Rental.
Amount of Agricultural College Lands Leased for the year 1896. ....	.....	.....
Amount of Agricultural College Lands Leased for the year 1897.	9,440.30	\$617 50
Total value of appraised Lands and Timber.....	.....	\$199,213 98

None of these Lands have been sold.

STATUS OF SCHOOL OF MINES GRANT.

	Acres.
Total Grant to School of Mines.....	100,000.00
Total amount selected	62,119.08
Remaining to be selected	37,880.92
Selections approved and patented to State.....	52,386.26
Selections awaiting approval at Washington	9,832.80

TABLE NO. 15.

Showing the location of School of Mines Lands by Counties.

County.	No. Acres Selected.	No. Acres Approved.	No. Acres Appraised.	Appraised Value.	Average Rate per Acre.
Beaverhead	11,590.42	11,590.42	10,365.10	\$10,736.13	\$1.04
Deer Lodge	869.15	789.15			
Flathead	30,031.47	22,206.93	27,697.95	31,976.97	1.11
Gallatin	9,184.03	10,459.28	9,116.06	17,836.63	1.92
Lewis and Clarke	3,083.53		3,083.53	3,554.41	1.25
Madison	4,080.48	4,080.48	4,080.48	4,690.48	1.14
Ravalli	3,280.00	3,160.00			
Totals.....	62,119.08	52,286.26	54,393.12	\$60,094.62	\$1.27

TABLE NO. 16.

Showing the Character of the Appraised Lands belonging to the School of Mines Grant.

County.	Acres Grazing.	Acres Agricultural.	Acres Timber.	Amount Saw Timber.	Value of Timber at \$1.50 per M.
Beaverhead	10,365.10				
Flathead		1,461.80	25,404.29	104,280 M	\$156,420.00
Gallatin	9,136.06	40.00			
Lewis and Clarke	3,083.53				
Madison	4,080.48				
Totals.....	26,655.17	1,501.80	25,404.29	104,280 M	\$156,420.00

TABLE NO. 17.

Showing the Amount of Lands belonging to School of Mines Grant under Five (5) Year Lease and One (1) Year Permit with Rentals for the Year ending November 30th, 1897.

County.	Acres under 5 year Lease.	Rental.	Acres under 1 year Permit	Rental.	Total Amount Leased.	Total Rental.	Rate per Acre.
Beaverhead	200.00	\$14.00			200.00	\$14.00	.07
Flathead	320.00	68.00			320.00	68.00	.212
Gallatin	160.00	8.00			160.00	8.00	.05
Lewis and Clarke			3,083.53	240.90	3,083.53	240.90	.078
Totals	680.00	\$90.00	3,083.53	\$240.90	3,763.53	\$330.90	.087

	Acres	Rental.
Total amount under Lease during the year 1896.....	160.00	\$ 30 00
Total amount under Lease during the year 1897.....	3,763.53	330 90
Increase over last year.....	3,603.53	\$300 90

No lands belonging to this Grant have yet been sold.

Total value of appraised Lands and Timber.....	\$225,514.62
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STATUS OF NORMAL SCHOOL GRANT.

	Acres.
Total grant to Normal School.....	100,000
Total amount selected.....	65,415.70
Remaining to be selected.....	34,584.30
Selections approved and patented to State.....	52,034.79
Selections awaiting approval at Washington.....	13,380.91

TABLE NO. 18

Showing the location by counties of the Normal School Grant.

County.	Acres Selected	Acres Approved	Acres Appraised	Appraised Value	Rate per acre
Beaverhead.....	3,360.00	.....	3,360.00	\$4,200.00	\$1.25
Cascade.....	1,718.75	.....	1,718.75	2,148.44	1.25
Flathead.....	28,861.61	23,034.29	24,864.32	28,665.38	1.15
Gallatin.....	6,410.81	5,671.90	6,410.81	13,375.06	2.09
Madison.....	17,029.37	16,896.37	16,976.99	17,637.20	1.04
Missoula.....	6,054.14	4,704.05	.....	.....	.....
Ravalli.....	1,951.02	1,755.18	.....	.....	.....
Totals.....	65,415.70	52,034.79	53,330.87	66,026.08	.....

TABLE NO. 19.

Showing the character of the appraised lands belonging to the Normal School Grant.

County.	Acres Grazing	Acres Agricultural	Acres Timber	Amount Saw Timber	Value at \$1.50 per M.
Beaverhead.....	3,360.00	.....	.....	.....	.....
Cascade.....	1,718.75	.....	.....	.....	.....
Flathead.....	.....	109.98	24,754.34	61,670 M	92,505 00
Gallatin.....	5,690.81	730.00	.....	.....	.....
Madison.....	16,869.37	.....	.....	.....	.....
Totals.....	27,638.93	829.98	24,754.34	61,670 M	\$92,505 00

TABLE NO. 20.

Showing the amount of Normal School Lands under Five Year Lease and One Year Permit with Rentals for the year ending Nov. 30, 1897.

County.	Acres 5 Year Lease	Rental	Acres 1 Year Permit	Rental	Total Amount Leased	Total Rental	Rate per Acre
Beaverhead			3,360.00	\$210.00	3,360.00	\$210.00	.06
Cascade			1,718.75	134.00	1,718.75	134.00	.077
Gallatin	2,160.00	\$844.00			2,160.00	844.00	.470
Totals	2,160.00	\$844.00	5,078.75	\$344.00	7,238.75	\$1,188.00	.164

	Acres.	Rentals.
No. acres leased during the year 1896	1,280.00	\$816.00
No. acres leased during the year 1897	7,238.75	1,188.00
Increase over last year.	5,858.75	\$372.00
Amount of sales to date.	80.00	\$800.00
Total value of appraised lands and timber.		\$158,531.05

STATUS OF DEAF AND DUMB ASYLUM GRANT.

	Acres.
Total Grant to Deaf and Dumb Asylum.	50,000.00
Selections made to date	41,453.38
Remaining to be selected.	8,546.62
Selections approved and patented to State	27,397.53
Awaiting approval at Washington.	14,055.85

TABLE NO. 21.

Showing the location by Counties of the Deaf and Dumb Asylum Grant.

County.	No. Acres Selected.	No. Acres Approved.	No. Acres Appraised.	Appraised Value	Rate per Acre.
Beaverhead	6,840.00	2,400.00	2,720.00	\$2,760.00	\$1.00
Deer Lodge	1,520.00	1,520.00			
Fiathead	17,360.80	17,155.94	12,589.61	13,074.98	1.03
Gallatin	2,587.44	640.00	2,587.44	3,053.50	1.20
Jefferson	2,801.38	2,801.38	2,481.00	3,160.00	1.27
Lewis and Clarke	1,640.00		1,640.00	2,050.00	1.25
Madison	3,553.36	2,560.00	2,580.00	2,680.00	1.03
Moose	5,160.40	320.21	4,312.00	4,312.00	1.00
Totals	41,453.38	27,397.53	28,898.05	\$30,086.48	\$1.08

TABLE NO. 22.

Showing character of Appraised Lands belonging to Deaf and Dumb
Asylum Grant.

County.	Acres Grazing.	Acres Agricultural	Acres Timber.	Amount Saw Timber.	Value of Timber at \$1.50 per M.
Beaverhead	6,840 00				
Flathead			12,589.61	31,255 M	\$46,882 50
Gallatin	2,587.24				
Jefferson	2,480.0				
Lewis and Clarke	1,640.00				
Madison	2,580.00				
Missoula			4,312.00	12,010 M	18,015 00
Totals.....	16,117.44		16,901.61	43,265 M	\$64,897 50

TABLE NO. 23.

Showing the amount of Lands belonging to the Deaf and Dumb Asylum
Grant under Five (5) Year Lease and One (1) Year Permits,
with Rentals for Year ending November 30th, 1897.

County.	Acres under 5 Year Lease.	Rental.	Acres under 1 Year Permit.	Rental.	Total Amount Leased.	Total Rentals.	Rate per Acres.
Beaverhead			4,440.00	\$277 50	4,440.00	\$277 50	.062
Gallatin			2,180.00	177 00	2,180.00	177 00	.081
Lewis and Clarke			1,640.00	102 50	1,640.00	102 50	.062
Madison			640.00	50 00	640.00	50 00	.018
Totals			8,900.00	\$607 00	8,900.00	\$607 00	.068

	Acres.	Rental.
Number acres leased during year 1896.....	00	00
Number acres leased during year 1897.....	8,900.00	\$607 00
There have been no sales up to date.		
Total value of appraised Lands and Timber.....		\$97,233 98

STATUS OF REFORM SCHOOL FUND.

	Acres.
Total grant to Reform School.....	50,000.00
Total selections made to date	34,129.27
Balance to be selected.....	15,870.73
Selections approved and patented to the State.....	27,769.96
Selections awaiting approval at Washington.....	6,359.31

TABLE NO. 24.

Showing the location by counties of the Reform School Lands.

County.	Acres Selected	Acres Approved	Acres Appraised	Appraised Value	Rate per acre
Beaverhead	5,960.00	5,960.00	5,960.00	\$6,120.00	\$1.03
Deer Lodge	8,175.57	4,941.31			
Fergus	1,275.61		1,275.61	1,594.51	1.25
Flathead	6,537.79	4,528.35	4,528.35	4,670.17	1.03
Gallatin	642.32	642.32	642.32	642.32	1.00
Jefferson	1,533.37	1,533.37	919.68	919.68	1.00
Madison	6,810.35	6,970.35	6,367.38	9,207.78	1.28
Missoula	3,194.26	3,194.26			
Totals	31,129.27	27,769.96	19,693.74	\$22,354.46	\$1.13

TABLE NO. 25.

Showing character of Appraised Lands belonging to Reform School Grant

County.	Acres Grazing.	Acres Agricultural.	Acres Timber.	Amount Saw Timber.	Value of Timber at \$1.50 per M.
Beaverhead	5,960.00				
Fergus	1,275.61				
Flathead			4,528.35	12,450 M	\$18,675 00
Gallatin	642.32				
Jefferson	919.68				
Madison	6,047.78	330.00			
Totals	14,845.39	330.00	4,528.35	12,450 M	\$18,675 00

TABLE NO. 26.

Showing amount of Reform School Lands under Five (5) Year Lease and
One (1) Year Permits with Rentals for the Year ending
November 30th, 1897.

County.	Acres under 5 Year Lease.	Rental.	Acres under 5 Year Permit.	Rental.	Total Amount Leased.	Total Rental.	Rate per Acre.
Madison	480.0	\$42 50			480.0	\$42 50	.088

	Acres.	Rentals.
Amount of Lands under Lease for year 1896	00	00
Amount of Lands under Lease for year 1897	480.60	\$42 50
Total Sales of Reform School Lands	960.00	\$9,600 00
Total value of Appraised Lands and Timber		\$41,029 46

STATUS OF STATE UNIVERSITY GRANT.

Total Grant to State University	Acres. 46,079.48
All selected and patented to State.	

TABLE NO. 27.

Showing location by Counties of the Lands belonging to the State
University Grant.

County.	Acres Selected and Approved.	Acres Appraised.	Appraised Value.	Rate per Acre.
Broadwater	640.00	640.00	\$1,600 00	\$2.50
Cascade	1,485.94	1,485.94	6,696 35	4.50
Custer	4,453.74			
Deer Lodge	312.87			
Fergus	13,731.72	13,731.72	20,800 00	1.51
Flathead	9,879.12	9,879.12	65,505 40	6.63
Gallatin	2,887.90	2,887.90	8,316 73	2.88
Granite	635.84			
Jefferson	1,281.92	1,281.92	2,681 20	2.08
Lewis and Clarke	1,920.00	1,920.00	9,600 00	5.00
Madison	800.00	800.00	1,360 00	1.70
Meagher	4,147.68	4,147.68	8,295 36	2.00
Missoula	1,280.00	1,280.00	2,560 00	2.00
Park	957.45	957.45	3,040 00	3.17
Yellowstone	1,665.60	1,665.60	2,285 60	1.37
Totals	46,079.48	40,677.33	\$132,740 64	\$3.26

TABLE NO. 28.

Showing the character of the appraised lands belonging to the State
University Grant.

County.	Acres Grazing	Acres Agricultural	Acres Timber	Amount of Saw Timber	Value of Timber at \$1.50 per M
Broadwater	640.00				
Cascade	877.89	608.05			
Fergus	13,091.72	640.00			
Flathead	320.00	8,251.94	1,307.18	4,600 M	\$6,900.00
Gallatin	2,239.30	651.60			
Jefferson	1,281.92				
Lewis and Clarke	1,920.00				
Madison	320.00	480.00			
Meagher	3,957.68	160.00			
Missoula			1,280.00	3,750 M	5,625.00
Park	477.45	480.00			
Yellowstone	1,665.60				
Totals	26,818.56	11,271.59	2,587.18	8,350 M	\$12,525.00

TABLE NO. 29.

Showing the amount of University Lands leased under Five (5) Year Lease and One (1) Year Permits with Rentals for the year ending November 30th, 1897.

County.	Acres under 5 year Lease	Rental	Acres under 1 year Permit	Rental	Total Amount Leased	Total Rental	Rate per acre
Broadwater	330.00	\$40.00	.....	.....	330.00	\$40.00	\$.125
Cascade.....	.....	.....	12.60	\$59.00	12.60	59.00	.467
Deer Lodge.....	.....	.....	312.87	25.00	312.87	25.00	.078
Fergus.....	7,680.00	734.00	.....	.....	7,680.00	734.00	.097
Flathead	4,640.00	1,414.90	.....	.....	4,640.00	1,414.90	.305
Gallatin	800.00	100.00	.....	.....	800.00	100.00	.125
Meagher.....	3,200.00	358.00	.....	.....	3,200.00	358.00	.111
Missoula.....	160.00	20.00	.....	.....	160.00	20.00	.125
Yellowstone .....	.....	.....	1,025.60	64.00	1,025.60	64.00	.06
Totals	16,800.00	\$2,656.90	1,351.07	\$148.00	18,151.07	\$2,814.90	\$.155

	Acres.	Rentals.
University Lands under lease for year 1896	12,411.00	\$5,761.00
University Lands under lease for year 1897	18,151.07	2,814.90
Increase over last year	5,740.07	.....
Amount of University Lands sold to date	2,870.13	\$34,272.40
Remaining University Grant.....	43,209.83	.....
Total value of appraised lands and timber.....	.....	\$145,265.64
Appraised value of lands sold.....	.....	26,795.41
Net value of grant .....	.....	\$118,470.23

TABLE NO. 30.

Showing the amount of Land Sales for the year ending November 30, 1897.

	Acres	Purchase Price	Rate per Acre
School Lands.....	3,110.76	\$31,887.60	\$10.25
University Lands.....	2,870.13	34,272.40	11.96
Normal School Lands.....	80.00	800.00	10.00
Totals	6,060.89	\$66,960.00	\$11.04

TABLE NO. 31.

Showing Acreage of State Lands under Lease, November 30, 1897.

County.	Public Buildings.	Agricultural College.	School of Mines.	Normal School.	Deaf and Dumb Asylum.	Reform School.	University.	School.	Total.
Beaverhead.....	920.00	9,360.30	200.00	3,360.00	4,440.00	.....	.....	13,960.00	32,240.30
Broadwater.....	40.00	80.00	.....	.....	.....	.....	320.00	2,372.01	2,812.01
Carbon.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	3,520.00	3,520.00
Cascade.....	.....	.....	.....	1,780.75	.....	.....	12.60	29,094.97	30,888.32
Choteau.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	29,270.00	29,270.00
Custer.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	3,804.59	3,804.59
Dawson.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	2,240.00	2,240.00
Deer Lodge.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	7,280.00	7,280.00
Fergus.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	59,020.00	66,700.00
Flathead.....	200.00	.....	320.00	.....	.....	.....	7,680.00	1,360.00	6,520.00
Gallatin.....	1,920.00	.....	160.00	2,160.00	2,180.00	.....	4,640.00	14,110.00	21,330.00
Granite.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	800.00	1,320.00	1,320.00
Jefferson.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	1,400.00	1,400.00
Lewis and Clarke.....	5,781.00	.....	3,083.53	.....	1,640.00	.....	.....	12,551.38	23,055.91
Madison.....	3,440.00	.....	.....	.....	640.00	480.00	.....	10,800.00	15,360.00
Meagher.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	3,200.00	31,160.00	31,360.00
Missoula.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	160.00	2,374.00	2,534.00
Park.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	4,000.00	4,000.00
Ravalli.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	2,170.95	2,170.95
Silver Bow.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	320.00	320.00
Sweet Grass.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	16,808.55	16,808.55
Teron.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	8,240.00	8,240.00
Valley.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	2,880.00	2,880.00
Yellowstone.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	1,025.60	11,000.00	12,025.60
Total.....	12,301.00	9,440.30	3,763.53	7,300.75	8,900.00	480.00	18,151.07	271,716.45	332,063.10

TABLE NO. 32.
Showing Total Annual Rentals for the Several Funds for the Year ending November 30th, 1897.

County.	Public Buildings.	Agricultural College.	School of Mines.	Normal School.	Deaf and Dumb Asylum.	Reform School.	University.	School.	Totals.
Beaverhead.....	\$98 75	\$602 50	\$14 00	\$210 00	\$277 50	.....	.....	\$1,742 00	\$2,914 75
Broadwater.....	11 00	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	\$40 00	411 50	465 50
Carbon.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	474 00	474 00
Cascade.....	.....	.....	.....	131 00	.....	.....	39 00	1,356 70	4,349 70
Chouteau.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	27,139 40	27,139 40
Chouteau.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	239 00	239 00
Dawson.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	162 00	162 00
Dear Lodge.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	866 50	866 50
Fergus.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	5,753 62	6,487 62
Flathead.....	17 00	.....	68 00	.....	.....	.....	1,414 90	428 00	1,927 90
Gallatin.....	.....	15 00	8 00	844 00	177 00	.....	100 00	27,744 00	3,888 00
Granite.....	218 00	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	141 00	362 00
Jefferson.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	165 00	165 00
Lewis and Clarke.....	479 05	.....	240 90	.....	102 50	.....	.....	1,337 53	2,419 98
Madison.....	220 00	.....	.....	.....	50 00	42 50	.....	925 00	1,237 50
Miner.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	338 00	3,738 00	4,156 00
Missoula.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	20 00	537 50	617 50
Park.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	138 00	138 00
Ravalli.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	673 05	673 05
Silver Bow.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	100 00	100 00
Sweet Grass.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	2,215 44	2,215 44
Teton.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	560 50	560 50
Valley.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	190 00	190 00
Yellowstone.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	64 00	806 10	930 00
Total.....	\$4,016 80	\$647 50	\$250 90	\$4,188 00	\$667 00	\$42 50	\$2,814 90	\$31,616 74	\$38,331 31

FINANCIAL STATEMENT.

ISSUANCE OF BONDS.

In conformity with the provisions of an Act of the Fifth Legislative Assembly approved March 4th, 1897, The State Board of Land Commissioners advertised for the sale of State University Bonds to the amount of One Hundred Thousand (100,000) Dollars. The bid of Farson, Leach & Co., of Chicago, offering \$100,025.00 for the entire issue, being the highest and best bid, was accepted. The Bonds were issued under date of July 1st, 1897, due Thirty years after date and payable in Twenty years, with interest at six per cent per annum.

TABLE NO. 33.

Showing the amounts received from Sales, Leases, Permits, Trespasses, Etc.,
for the year ending November 30, 1897.

Sales	\$40,388.36	
Leases and Permits	38,234.34	
Timber Sales	6,361.06	
Buildings at Ft. Maginnis	1,044.50	
Trespasses, prepaid and back rentals	16,858.27	
Total	\$102,886.53	
Rentals refunded	1,704.81	
Gross receipts		\$101,181.72
Gross receipts for the year 1896		41,558.52
Increase over last year		59,623.20
Disbursements for the year 1897		15,812.34
Net receipts for the year 1897		\$5,369.38

TOTAL AMOUNT RECEIVED FROM SALES, RENTALS, TRESPASSES, TIMBER
SALES AND BACK RENTALS FOR THE VARIOUS FUNDS FOR THE
YEAR ENDED NOVEMBER 30TH, 1897.

Permanent School Fund	\$37,902.92
School Income	39,300.50
Permanent University	13,430.37
University Bond	9,262.19
State Capitol Building	2,045.09
School of Mines	324.40
State Normal School	1,710.50
Agricultural College	617.50
State Reform School	7,436.06
Deaf and Dumb Asylum	857.00
Totals	\$102,886.53

The amount of the School Income Fund subject to apportionment, as provided in Section 1714 of the Political Code is divided among the several counties of the State on the basis of 42 cents per capita per census child as follows:

County.	Census.	Amount of Apportionment.
Beaverhead	1,322	\$555 24
Carbon	942	395 64
Cascade	3,849	1 616 58
Choteau	1,170	491 40
Custer	1,465	615 30
Dawson	425	178 50
Deer Lodge	3,181	1,336 02
Fergus	1,478	620 76
Flathead	1,743	732 06
Gallatin	2,616	1,098 72
Granite	1,020	428 40
Jefferson	1,710	718 20
Lewis and Clarke	4,030	1,692 60
Madison	1,721	722 82
Meagher	1,141	479 22
Missoula	2,244	942 48
Park	1,545	648 90
Ravalli	1,765	741 30
Silver Bow	6,712	2,819 04
Sweet Grass	528	221 76
Teton	519	217 98
Valley	234	98 28
Yellowstone	858	360 36
Totals	42,218	\$17,731 56

CONCLUSION.

The incoming year will witness the complete appraisalment of all the State lands, with a material increase of selections to the credit of the several Grants yet remaining unsatisfied. In addition to the 204,131.74 acres to be selected for the several grants, there are 43,155.34 acres of indemnity School lands to be selected in lieu of School lands lost to the State by reason of the prior rights established by settlers, making a total of 247,287.08 acres yet to be selected.

The board acknowledges itself indebted for much of the tabulated information appearing in this report to the very full and comprehensive reports made by the State Land Register and State Land Agent pursuant to the requirements of law.

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